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Romsey Road,

East Wellow,

Romsey

SO51 6BG

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Ref: Licensing Act 2003 – Public Notice

Keepers Lodge, Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery, Whinwhistle Road,

East Wellow, Romsey, SO516BE

1) Provision of Live and Recorded Music from 08.00 to 23.00hrs daily indoors and outdoors

2) Sale of Alcohol for Consumption both on and off the premises from 08.00 – 23.30hrs daily

Attention: the Licensing Officer

We have lived on Romsey Road since 1997; we appreciate - and are very proud - of the value this village of Wellow places on the River Blackwater, its surrounding woodland and agricultural fields, it is a special area of diverse wildlife and plant species. We have something of enormous value here and it must be protected.

Should this application be successful the noise will be a classic public nuisance issue covering a wide area and will also have an adverse effect on the Wildlife which normally inhabits the banks of the River Blackwater. This is of particular importance as Wellow is a 'shoulder' village to the New Forest National Park and as such has a fluid exchange of the wildlife found within the Park. As householders we will hear any music from this venue, it is very close to all neighbours on Romsey Road, particularly those whose gardens flank the adjacent field and river. The selling of Alcohol changes completely the use of the Fishery into a party venue.

A few years ago, there was an unauthorised Sunday motocross event on a field between Hackleys Lane and the Whinwhistle Course Fisheries. This caused an unacceptable amount of noise for 12 hours plus; there were numerous complaints from many local households; a TVBC environmental officer was notified and visited the site. He was unable to close the event down or change the level of public offence. Noise carries a long way over this Blackwater Valley. Although TVBC have included a list of conditions to go with this application we have grave concerns as to how this will be policed.

Current access to the site is a challenge whether you are arriving or leaving due to the driveway/track and proximity to the turning into Ryedown Lane causing a Traffic hazard.

In this application we recognise developmental creep; it started with a Fishery and a caravan, then a house followed by a cafe, caravans and other works vehicles and now we have an application for a Licence for music and alcohol, daily from early till late. We have reason to believe that this was always the intention from the outset.

We object strongly to it; the proposal is inappropriate for this rural area. Much of the Village Plan is deferential to the Sites of Special Interest in and around Wellow, the River Blackwater and the New Forest.

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Note: It is almost impossible to find out about License Applications unless you take a Local Paper where presumably it is noted. As a neighbour you are not informed about the application as you would do for a planning application. To view the application details you are advised to visit the Andover Offices – How does that work if you live in the South of the TVBC area and don't have transport?